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- 1. GOS DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE BANNING USE OF SACCHARIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS A RESULT OF FDA ACTION. AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT STATED THAT GOS HAD ASKED CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER DETAIL OF CLINICAL STUDIES ON SACCHARIN WHICH LED TO FDA ACTION. GOS WILL EVALUATE THE FINDINGS OF THESE STUDIES AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO FOLLOW COURSE OF FDA.
- 2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE GOS'S SHORT-TERM DECISION NOT TO BAN USE OF SACCHARIN, THE CONSUMER ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE (CASE) ADVISED PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO AVOID FOOD AND DRINKS CONTAINING SACCHARIN BECAUSE THE COMPOUND HAD BEEN SHOWN TO ACCUMULATE IN THE FETAL TISSUE OF ANIMALS. A CASE MEDICAL ADVISOR NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SACCHARIN'S CANCER PRODUCING POTENTIAL HAD NOT YET BEEN PROVEN IN HUMANS.
- 3. SINGAPORE CURRENTLY REQUIRES THOSE IMPORTING AND SELLING SACCHARIN TO HAVE A LICENSE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY. PRODUCTS CONTAINING UNCLASSIFIED

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